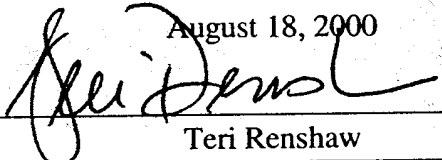




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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed herein on May 18, 2000. Prior to substantive examination of this application, please amend the claims as follows:

~~Please cancel Claim 12 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

15. (Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of [any one of]  
Claim[s] 1 [to 14].

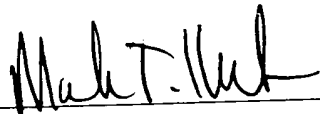
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